

## **PERREN, Steven Zalkind**

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, Second Appellate District, Division Six

**Appointment/ Election:** Appointed [succeeding Associate Justice Arthur Gilbert, elevated] by Governor Davis Nov. 9, 1999. Retained Jan. 2011.

**Other Judicial Office:** Judge, Superior Court, Ventura County. Appointed [succeeding Judge Ben F. Ruffner, retired] by Governor Brown Jr. Dec. 31, 1982 (oath Jan. 2, 1983), elected in 1984, reelected in 1990 and 1996. Presiding Judge, 1993 and 1992. Assistant Presiding Judge, 1990-91.

**Past Employment:** Private law practice in Ventura County, Calif. (concentrating on personal injury cases and criminal defense), 1972-82: Partner, Ghitterman, Hourigan, Grossman, Finestone & Perren, 1976-82; and associate and partner, Benton, Orr, Duval & Buckingham, 1972-76. Deputy District Attorney, Ventura County, 1969-72.

**Memberships/Awards:** Member: Advisory Committee on Youth and Gang Violence, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, 1997-2004; Calif. Judges Assn., 1983– (Law committee; Vice President, 1993-94; Executive Board, 1991-94; Chair (1988-89) and member (1985-91)); California Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Criminal Law, Criminal Law & Procedure Committee, 1994-2012 (Chair, 2002-12); Task Force on Jury Instructions, 1998-2005; Civil Law & Procedure Committee (1984-85); Cabrillo Music Theater, Board of Directors, 1998-2007; Ventura County Gilbert and Sullivan Society, 2006– ; Casa Pacifica Children's Home (Board of Directors, 1995-2001); Santa Barbara/Ventura College of Law (Board of Directors, 1988-2000); Ventura County United Way (Board of Directors, 1996-99); Chair, Calif. Judicial Council's Advisory Committee on Trial Court Staffing, 1991-95; and Presiding Judges Standing Advisory Committee. Coordinator, Ventura County Mock Trial Competition (CRF), 1983-2000, 2009; UCLA Law Alumni Assn., Board of Directors, 1998-2007 (Pres., 2005-06). Former member: Plaza Players Theater, Ventura, 1970-81; New Judge

Education Planning Committee, 1988-92; Child Abuse and Neglect (CAAN), Ventura, 1981-92 (Board of Directors, 1978-92); Calif. Judicial Council's Advisory Committee on Sentencing, 1991 and 1989; Judicial College Planning Committee (CJER), 1983; Calif. Trial Lawyers Assn., 1980-82; Ventura County Bar Assn., 1972-82 (Board of Directors, 1981-82 and 1975-77; Delegate to Calif. State Bar's Conference of Delegates, 1982); Ventura County Criminal Defense Bar Assn., 1972-82 (President, 1975); Ventura County Trial Lawyers Assn., 1977-82 (President Elect 1982; First Vice President, 1982; and Board of Directors, 1980-82); Legal Free Clinic, Ventura, 1972-83 (Board of Directors, 1972-83); and Board of Directors, Boys & Girls Club of Ventura, 1978-85. Former Commissioner, Ventura Countywide Public Planning Commission, Ventura, 1981-82. Recipient: Honorary Doctor of Law, Calif. Lutheran Univ., 2002; Ventura County Trial Judge of the Year, 1984, 1998; UCLA Law Alumni of the Year, Community and Public Service, 2003. Awarded CJA Alba Witkin Humanitarian Award, 2007.

**Teaching/Lectures/Panelist:** Participant, The Rutter Group program, "Evidence-Privilege," 1993. Faculty: Calif. Judicial College, 2006-08 (Jurisprudence), ("Determinate Sentencing," Team Leader), 1986-97; Metropolitan Presiding Judges Orientation, 1992-96; Calif. Continuing Judicial Studies Program ("CJSP") (CJER), 1991-92 ("Felony Sentencing and Settlements"), 1987-89 ("Basic Felony Sentencing" and "Felony Sentencing & Settlements"), 1986 ("Criminal Trials"), and 1985; and New Judges Orientation Program, 1985-87. Lecturer, Annual Sentencing Institute, 1995, 1990 and 1988. Juvenile Law Institute (Fitness Hearings) 1995-96, 1998, 2000; Instructor (Criminal Law), Ventura College of Law, Ventura, 1976-78; Witkin Judges College, The Art of Judging, 2006-09; Publication, "Indeterminate Sentencing Redux: A Return to Rational Sentencing," 22 FSR 165 (2010).

**Military Experience:** Served from Lieutenant to Captain, U.S. Army, Vietnam War, 1967-69

(CONUS and Vietnam). Recipient, Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal.

**Education:** J.D. (June 1967), Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles (Westwood), School of Law (President, Class of '67); B.A. (Jan. 1964), Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles (Westwood) (Outstanding Jr. Uni Camp Gold Key); Graduate (1960), North Hollywood High School, North Hollywood, Calif.

**Personal:** Born March 9, 1942; Los Angeles, Calif; Married. One daughter.

**Interests:** Enjoys singing, acting, musical theater and opera.

**Admission:** Admitted to Calif. Bar Dec. 27, 1967; to U.S. Dist. Court, Central Dist. of Calif., Nov. 27, 1976; and to U.S. Supreme Court June 25, 1979.

**Political Affiliation/Religion:** Democrat; Jewish.